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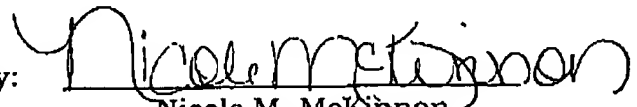
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks in response to the Office Action ("the Office Action") mailed 7/13/04 in the above-identified application. A request for a two-month extension of time is being submitted concurrently with this response.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on p. 4 of this paper.